

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

1. - 9. (Cancelled)

10. (Currently Amended) An electric power steering apparatus, comprising:  
an electric motor for steering assistance;  
a worm shaft on which a worm is disposed;  
a steering shaft, configured to engage a steering wheel, on which a worm wheel is  
disposed and to which a rotary motion of said electric motor is transmitted through said worm  
shaft;  
a biasing member biasing, via a bearing, said worm shaft toward said worm wheel;  
a concave member accepting said bearing; and  
a housing for housing said bearing and said concave member, wherein the biasing member is  
movably acceptable only toward the concave member. The electric power steering apparatus of  
claim 7, wherein and the bearing may be deflected into the concave member.

11. - 14. (Cancelled)